Riggs Bank Case Causes Move for Congress to Put an End to Office.

### CRIMINAL CHARGES HINTED BY WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- Both sides in the struggle between the Riggs National Bank and Comptroller Williams and Secretary McAdoo were engaged today in getting ready for the fight in the courts which will begin on Friday.

Evidence to-day clearly indicated that the fight already is assuming proportions far beyond the mere relations be-tween this powerful Washington bank and the Treasury officials. Bankers in all parts of the country are manifest-ing a keen interest in the proceedings and from many who are under direct supervision of Comptroller Williams

ticularly those in big cities in the East, have been chafing for months under the

The power of the Comptroller to make demands has been questioned by many bankers, but the matter never has been passed on by the courts. The proceedings begun by the Riggs Bank officers will therefore test this general question for the banks of the country and will determine to what extent officials at Washington shall be able to pry into their affairs.

### this connection the issue raised

by the Riggs Bank court proceedings is certain to find its way into Congress with the convening of the next session. The matter already had been con-sidered by some of the Congress leaders quietly before the adjournment of the

last session. It was learned to-day that ern Republican providing for the abolishing of the office of Comptroller of Currency. It was the contention of this epublican that the creation of the Federal Reserve Board had made the office ought to be exercised by the Federal Reserve Board.

This bill will be introduced at the be-inning of the next session, but, of course, it will be opposed by the Wilson Administration and probably blocked in If the Republicans should carry the next Congress, however, the result might be different.

two sections of the national banking act which are up for inter-oretation in the present court proceed-ings are sections 5211 and 5213. The ings are sections 5211 and over na-former section provides that every national bank shall make to troller of the Currency not less than five reports during each year according to the form which may be prescribed to the form which may be prescribed by him. These reports shall exhibit in detail the resources and liabilities of the bank on a date specified by him.

### Powers Objected. The same section contains this grant

The Comptroller shall also have power to call for special reports from any particular association whenever in his judgment the same and complete knowledge of its con-

ection 5213 relates to the penalties which shall be assessed for failure to transmit the reports required by law. It is in regard to the Comptroller's power to call for special reports that the Riggs bank and Mr. Williams have their chief points of difference. Comptroller Williams has construed

comptroller Williams has construed this section to give him the broadest kind of powers to pry into the affairs of national banks. The Riggs bank contends that the section confers no such powers as the Comptroller contends and that if it does it is in violation of the Fourth and Fifth amendments to the Constitution of the United ments to the Constitution of the United States, which guarantee citizens against searches, seizures of papers and de-privation of property rights without due process of law.

In banking circles here it is argued that no Comptroller of the Currency up to the present time has ever interpreted the law to give powers such as Comptroller Williams has attempted to It is certain that the Administration

will resist with all its power any at-tempt to abridge the Comproller's interpretation of his powers under this

It has been suggested on behalf of the Treasury officials that the courts might refuse to interfere with the executive functions of an officer of the Government, but the Supreme Court has decided that where an excess of power or function has been disclosed an injunction may be obtained. Injuncti

nave several times been laid on Cabinet Indiana Ex-Representative to Be That Comptroller Williams intends to about criminal proceedings against offi-cers of the Riggs bank is indicated by a statement to-day when he said that they might be proceeded against. This statement, coming from the Comptroller, created considerable of a stir in Wash-

ington, inasmuch as Attorney-General Gregory has refrained thus far from even intimating that the alleged irregularities will be the subject of an incomptroller Williams and Lewis Brandels, who has been retained as special counsel to defend the injunction suit, were together most of the day at the Department of Justice getting ready for Friday's fight in the court.

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Many were interested to-day in a news despatch printed in the noon edition of the News-Leader of Richmond.

Va., Comptroller Williams's home city, yesterday. This despatch attributed to Langbourne M. Williams, the Comptroller's brother, a statement that in his opinion the attack of the Riggs National Bank was merely a vain effort on the part of the officers to cover up their misdoings. Then occurred this paragraph:

"Mr. Williams (Langbourne M.) re-"Mr. Williams (Languourne al.) re-ceived a letter from his brother to-day in which the entire case was set forth. The letter declared that if the Riggs Na-tional Bank had not taken the steps it did the exposure by the Governit did the exposure by the Govern-ment would have ultimately closed its

When this was called to the attention of the officers of the Riggs bank they seemed surprised. It was recalled that

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Mr. Williams himself had acknowledged in his public statement that the bank was absolutely solvent.

orm than a mere message of sym-that a limitation of the power of the Arreasury Department officials in the af-fairs of the banks under the Departtween the Riggs bank officers and the test or by legislation. It was reported in Wall Street that a bill was being prepared in Washington by insurgent to appear before the commission to morrow to tell of wages and working conditions in the stock yards. Democrats and by Republicans aiming at the abolition of the office of Comp-trofler of the Currency. Wall Street demands which have been made upon said that restriction rather than aboli them by Comptroller Williams for re-tion was the essential thing, though the ports and information in regard to their was considered that the Federal Reserv affairs. These demands, it is asserted. Board could take over the duties of the have involved more trouble and expense than any that were ever made by previous Comptrollers of the Curpossible duplication of effort. Comptroller's office and handle them in

## SCARES STATE BANKS.

### Washington Scandal Makes New York Institutions Shy. The Federal Reserve Bank of New

and most of the directors of the reserv bank those present included James S. MYSTERY GIRL TAKES LYSOL. Alexander, Albert H. Wiggln, Francis L. and Lewis L.

### RIGGS BANK APPEALS.

sires to clear up the misunderstanding of these accounts.

A letter signed by Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs bank, accompanies the circular. The letter says of "The high handed conduct of the Comptroller of the Currency," that "the bank has been constantly harassed by his demands during the last year. It has been subjected to great expense for additional clerk hire and for attorneys' fees."

fees."
"The Riggs National Bank," says the letter in another place, "in making this fight is making a fight for every national bank in the country."

No Chicago banker would express an opinion on the merits of the controversy between the Washington bank and the Federal Government. The bankers, however, were unanimous in the statement that at no time since the Federal reserve act had been put into operation had their banks had any trouble with Federal officials.

### KORBLY SUCCEEDS NESBIT.

## Banks' Receiver-General.

WASHINGTON, April 14 .- Charles A terms in Congress as a Democrat, was appointed receiver general of insolvent banks to-day by Comptroller Williams, Mr. Korbly served on the Banking and Currency Committee that framed the Federal Reserve act and is a lawyer. He will take office on May 1, succeedng Scott Nesbit, who resigned "on account of ill health."

Ambassador Willard in London LONDON, April 14 .- Col. Joseph E. Willard, American Ambassador to Spain has arrived in London and called to-da alter H. Page, American Ambas-

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CHICAGO, April 14 -C. H. McElreath. Detroit telegraph operator, told the inion man in the strike of 1907 caused Department to-day. the victim to be "hounded to suicide" by the Western Union Telegraph Company. "I know of hundreds of just such tragic cases." McElreath said.
"J. J. Wolfrum, employed in the

the man who killed himself," said the witness. "After the strike Wolfrum was reinstated at \$55 a month. He was put on the worst wires in the office and did equal work with men making

which he slowly bled to death."
In telling of the blacklist he alleges
ggs National Bank against ComptrolWilliams and Secretary of the TreasWilliams and Secretary of the Secretary of the commercial telegraph companies
maintain McElreath said: "I am on it
because I am a union man." He said
he was sure that the list was interchangeable between the Western Union
and the Portal and the list was inter-

by using an alias. These latter, how-ever, are usually discovered in time."

J. Ogden Armour has been summoned;

## HOLD CONTRACTOR IN **BRONX MURDER CASE**

Slain Woman Identified by Aunt as Claudia Hansburg of Troy.

iams-McAdoo regime as the biggest argument they could want for keeping them out."

Gov. Strong of the reserve bank and the bank directors are making every effort to devise means of making the reserve bank attractive to the State institutions. They are endeavoring to steer the policy of the bank so that as many friends as possible may be won.

Piciullo is said to be well to do. He

ing yesterday, and after it was over denied himself to reporters.

The conference lasted from 2:30 P. M. until 4:30. In addition to the officers the father of seven children.

# "Barnard College,"

A girl about 20 years old, who re

Chicago, April 14.—An appeal to the but later told Dr. Friscolla, an ambu-Chicago, April 11.—An appeal to the financial institutions of the United States for their "confidence, indorsement and moral support" was received by bankers in Chicago to-day from the Riggs National Bank of Washington. The circular says: "The Comptroller's Treatment by Dr. Jacob Heiman, who furly has generally centred upon two accounts which have stood upon the books of the bank in the names of "Glover and Flather" and "Flather" and "Flather"." The bank states it designed to the interest of the United States are the United States and the Uni

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## OBREGON IN TRAP SET BY GENS. VILLA AND ZAPATA

Operator Tells Investigators Southern Leader Attacks Carranzistas' Rear From Mexico City, Cutting Off Base-Northern Chief's Forces Surrounding Foe.

Federal Industrial Relations Commis- is in a dangerous military situation, ac- special messenger, ion to-day that the activities of a cording to advices received at the State

> Last week Gen. Obregon fought a battle with the Villistas and gained the advantage. It now appears that he is danger of being surrounded by the tween Obregon and Villa forces at

in Suit Against McAdoo.

It is expected in Wall Street that representatives of some of the large national banks of New York will be subprehended to testify in the case of the Riggs National Bank against Comptroller Williams and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Warbing of the Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Warbing of the Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Warbing of the Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Warbing of the Secretary of the Treasure of the Zapatistas in Obregon's came a despatch stating that Obregon was being surrounded by Villa troops. Yesterday the Villa forces were said to be resting and awaiting reenforcements, but it is presumed that Villa was occupying the stational bank against Comptroller Williams and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Warbing the Secretary of the Treasure of the Zapatistas in Obregon's came a despatch stating that Obregon was being surrounded by Villa troops. Yesterday the Villa forces were said to be resting and awaiting reenforcements, but it is presumed that Villa was occupying the total divided in the expected reenforcements of the La Griega, both south of Celaya, and that the expected reenforcements of the Villa forces were said to be resting and awaiting reenforcements, but it is presumed that Villa was occupying the total divided that the expected reenforcements of the Villa forces were said to be resting and awaiting reenforcements, but it is presumed that Villa was occupying the total Griega.

across the river yesterday by Mexicans fighting for possession of Matamoras. Though a number of bullets fell on the United States side, there were no casual-

Gen. Funston has no authority to re turn the Mexican fire if shooting across line is resumed, but officials of the Department were of the opinion ownsville personally to observe the

ranzistas took the offensive yesterday, issuing out from their positions in ma. Matamoras and attacking the besieging at

many friends as possible may be won. had been seen in company with a girl day of the Red Star liner Kromanu the Public Service Commission of Gov. Strong would not discuss the meet-South America sixty-nine stewards and of money eight stewardesses were arrested by Im. | State ken to Ellis Island on a charge of financial community plating the alien contract labor law. Among the lines traversing Missouri at t is alleged that they were engaged in contract labor law.

It is alleged that they were engaged in congland, brought here by the steamship contained in January and transferred to the Kreenland, which is an American of the contract of these lines said. he Kroonland, which is an American last night that any charges as to grafting in railroad supply sales could not be said; ated.

But high that any charges as to grafting in railroad supply sales could not be substantiated by the persons who made that Asks Chicago Financiers to Their Moral Support.

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Washington, April 14 .- Gen. Obregon | city were brought to Vera Cruz by

VILLA GAINS GROUND.

Zapatistas Reported to Have Attacked Obregon's Rear.

From Vera Cruz the State Department was advised of the threatening move-

Et. Paso. April 14 -The battle be-

Villa is declared to have expressed the opinion that he will soon deliver a smashing blow to Obregon's forces. The

supervision of Comptroller Williams have come expressions of support and sympathy for the Riggs bank officials. It is said that in some cases the expression of confidence on the part of bankers has assumed a more substantial form than a mere message of sympathy for the Riggs bank officials. ever, are usually discovered in time."

J. Ogden Armour has been summoned Brownsville, where he expected to article appear before the commission torive at noon, as the result of firing killed yesterday at Matamoros, according to the Carranza consulate here.

### LIGHTS AGAIN LURE HUERTA. After Day's Seclusion He Wanders

on the Great White Way.

If Gen. Huerta stays long in New York he may get the reputation of being a "regular feller," so enthusiastic is he over the nocturnal beauty of the Great White Way. Of the city by daylight he has as yet seen only what is com-manded by the windows of his suite Villistas. The agency's despatches assert that the Villa troops were taken completely by surprise at 7 p'clock yesterday morning and all of them were killed in hand to hand fighting. It is asserted that large quantities of guns, ammunition and supplies were captured York called vesterday a conference of leading bankers of the city for the pur-

Vork called yesterday a conference of leading bankers of the city for the purpose of discussing means of getting the State banks and trust companies into the reserve system. The meeting was held at the reserve bank. After two hours of talk bankers who attended the secure of discussing means of getting analysis. It was a particularly bad time for discussing means of getting analysis where or do anything.

It was a particularly bad time for discussing means of getting analysis where an animal contractor of the big bankers of New York, when the big bankers of New York and his men founds card barrying in a continuous card barrying the possession is the centre of attention in the banking of the words of the leading banks downtown, "but we failed to reach any conclusion or in the banking of the lead of the system, is the centre of attention in the banking of the lead of the possession letters which has been to nincident, with all its arguments for keep in the centre of attention in the banking of the lead of the possession letters which has been ton up. N. Y., and that the capital bank downtown, "but we failed to reach any conclusion or in the centre of attention in the banking of the community.

"We talked plenty," said the head of one of the leading banks downtown, "but we failed to reach any conclusion or in the centre of the possession letters which has been the conclusion or in the centre of the possession letters which has been ton up. N. Y., and that the citifaction possitive and the conclusion or in the

### ARREST 77 ON KROONLAND. RAIL SUPPLY GRAFT CHARGED. Stewards and Stewardesses Held Petition Filed in Missouri Asserts Favors to Relatives.

A despatch from Jefferson City, Mo day of the Red Star liner Kroonland telling of the filing of a petition with

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SUFFRAGE ACTIVITIES TO-

DAY AND TO-MORROW.

To-day. Suffrage Shop, 663 Fifth avenue, 4:30

Speaker, Miss Beatrice Brown. special matines at the People's Theatre, 201 Bowery, will be given by the Third Assembly district mem-bers of the Manhattan Woman Suf-frage narry. When Alley Levice In frage party. Miss Alice Lewisohr and the Neighborhood Players will produce "Women Kind." a one act play by Wilfred Wilson Gibson. Voters of the district are especially invited to attend. Seats are free.

Mrs. A. Newman will preside. Speakers will be Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw

and Joseph Barondess. To-morrow. The Empire State Campaign Commit-tee will meet at 2:30 P. M. in the campaign committee's rooms, 303

Shop, 663 Fifth avenue, 4:30 P. M.—Speaker, Mrs. Otto Wittpena; chairman, Mrs. Thomas L. Manson. onx North Side Republican Speakers, Herbert Parsons, William M. Bennet and Gilbert E. Roe. Street meeting. University place and Fourteenth street at noon-Speaker, Mrs. Walter B. Chambers.

## SUFFRAGISTS SEE O'GORMAN.

Senator to Receive Delegation of Women on April 20.

gressional Union, called on Senator James A. O'Gorman yesterday and said later that they had obtained his con-sent to receive a delegation of 500 New York women on April 20.

The women will urge the Senator to support the Susan B. Anthony national woman suffers a mendant of the support of the susan B.

woman suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution. Mrs. Belmont and Miss Stevens said they believed the Senator was "in sympathy with the cause.

### CASTLE CLIP WRECKS HOME.

Bobbed Hair and Cabarets.

Husband's Desertion Caused

cause she clipped her hair in the style worn by Mrs. Vernon Castle and Pavlowa and went to cabarets without him The plaintiff, Mrs. Nella Harder Rosen-Baum, formerly was a dancer and married the inventor on February 5 last. They lived for a time at 107 West Forty-seventh street and Mrs. Rosen-Baum says that her husband then left became to the street and the part of the street and her and refused to provide for her. She asked Justice Hendrick to give her \$50 a week alimony, but the court awarded only \$15. Mrs. Rosen-Baum contends that she has conducted herself with Mrs. Rosen-Baum contends propriety and says she gave up professional dancing at her husband's re-

In opposing his want said:

limony Rosen-Baum said:

"I didn't want her to go to a certain said to be a record. dancing place without me, but she went there with another woman in spite of my objection. I would have left my office or any other place willingly at time of the day or night to esco her to these places."

### WAR HURRIES DIVORCE TRIAL. Wife's Plea That She Is on Black-

well's Island Doesn't Avail. Raymond A. Calkins, chief boat swain's mate on the United States tor pedo boat destroyer Cummings, now or neutrality duty in New York harbor Justice Glegerich to set down for mediate trial his suit for div

trial next Monday.

## WILL TRY THREE IN POLITICAL MURDER

Prisoners Accused of Slaying Henchman of Tammany

Leader.

District Attorney Perkins announced yesterday that he intends to put on trial within the next two weeks Rocco Carnivale and Frank Fennimor, under Carnivale and Frank Counselling Gaetano Montimagno, a Brooklyn bootblack, to kill Mike Galmari, a political lieutenant of Thomas F. Foley, Tammany leader of the Second Assembly district. All three men are indicted fiolity and pleas of not guilty were entered yesterday before Judge Nott in General

terday before Judge Nott in Genera 'essions.

Montimagno is charged with the actual shooting, which took place at 9:20 c'clock on the morning of March 8. It is alleged that the arrangements for the killing were made by Carnivale and the killing were made by Carnivale and Fennimor. Fennimor, it is said, was in conversation with Montimagno fifteen minutes before the shots were fired. The latter will probably be called for trial first, as the prosecution has several evaluations to the killing.

It was said yesterday in the District Attorney's office that Antonio and Joseph La Salle, who are under sentence of twenty years each for the killing of James Wingtt, another Foley man, had

ames Minott, another Foley man, had nette, now in fall for per iven valuable information concerning ex-Judge John Palmieri is se talks had to do with murder. Mr. Foley, whose leadership was contested by Michael A. Rofrano, a Deputy

Stevens, national organizer of the Construction of have been a marked man. not discuss the subject yesterday, but let it be known that he was not afraid as a result of the threats. Another been Congressman Daniel Riordan

### KENNEDY OUT OF THAW CASE. Deputy Attorney-General, Over-

worked, Goes for a Rest. Franklin Kennedy, deputy Attorney State's case against Harry K. Thaw, has suffered a nervous breakdown and resting in some place known only

Deputy Attorney-General Frank Cook will represent the State when the motio for a jury trial of Thaw's sanity is ar gued before Supreme Court Justice New

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